



# The IB Middle Years Program: *A Primer for Parents*

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# Why the International Baccalaureate?

- Embodies best practices for all teaching
- Structured and consistent planning
- Broad and inclusive perspectives
- Commitment to creative and service-oriented activity, emphasizing reflection
- Internationally recognized



# The *what* of your child's education . . .

Virginia Standards of Learning

FCPS Program of Studies

Individual MYP Subject Guides



# The *how* of your child's education

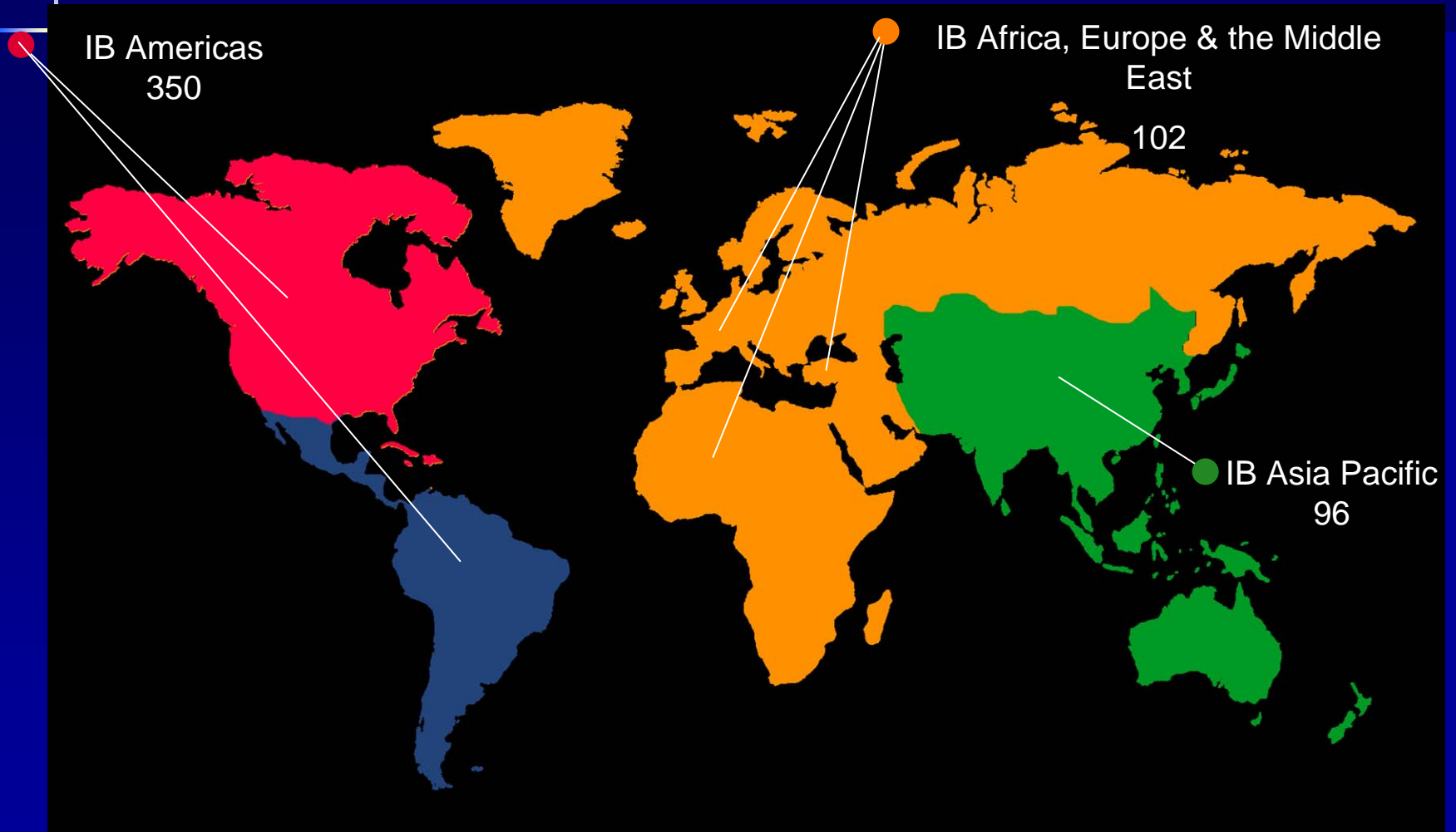
The Middle Years Program

Professional teachers

Research-based instruction

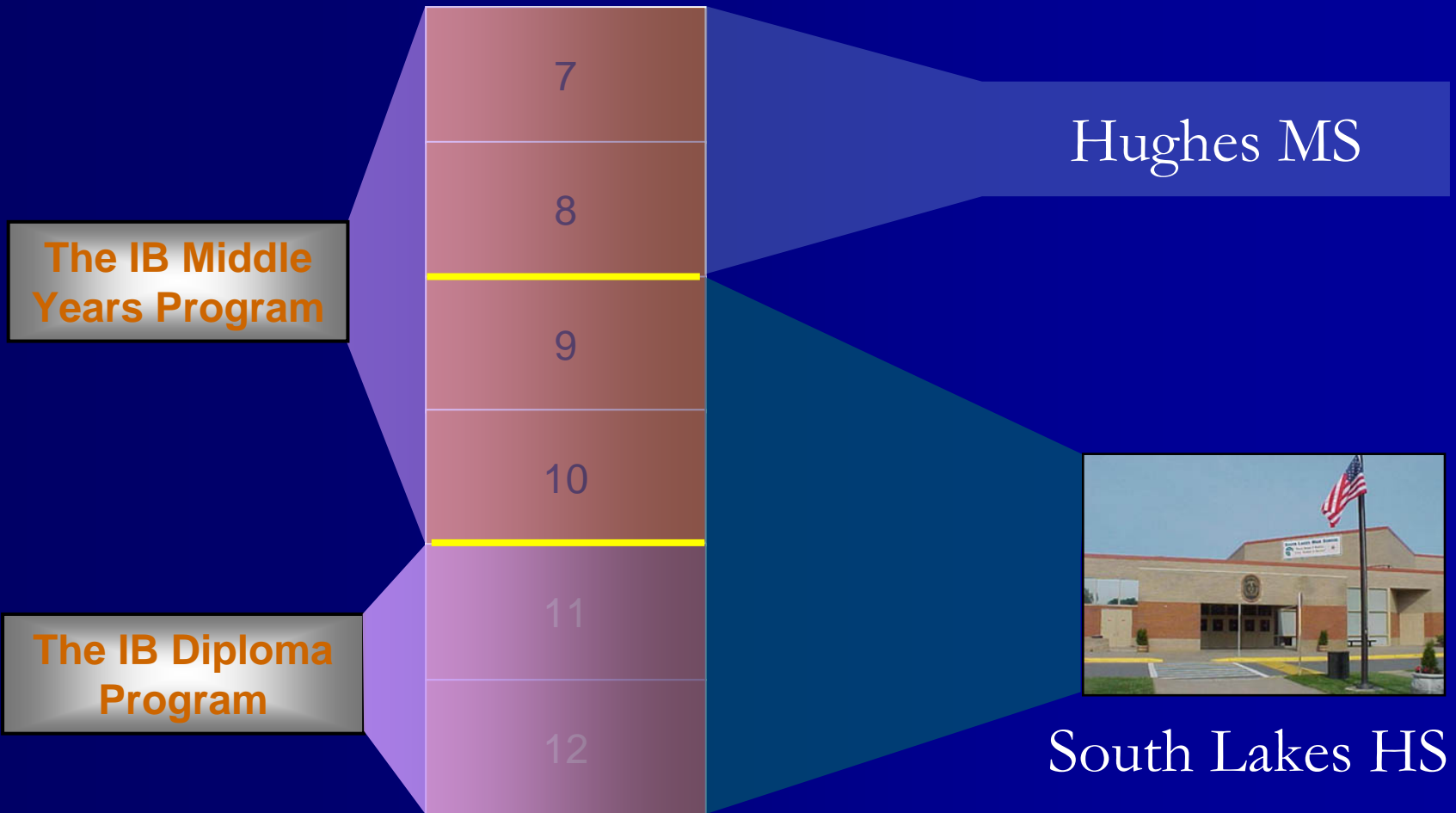


# Number of MYP Schools





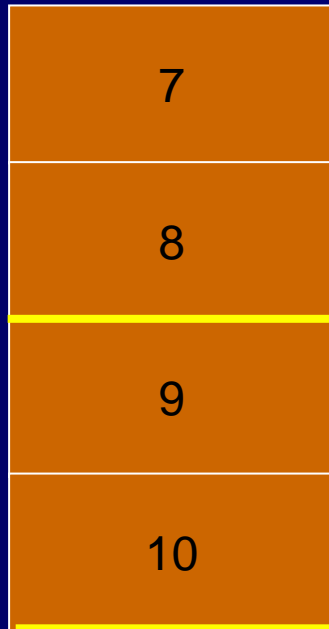
# The IB Continuum





# How Does My Student Fit In?

All students enrolled participate in IB MYP



Any student who enrolls by the beginning of 9<sup>th</sup> grade is eligible for the FCPS IB MYP Certificate

Students declare interest in FCPS IB MYP Certificate



# IB Learner Profile as the basis for student development

Inquirers

Knowledgeable

Thinkers

Communicators

Principled

Open-minded

Caring

Risk-takers

Balanced

Reflective



# The Components of the MYP



MYP Subjects/  
Areas of  
Interaction



Assessments

7
8
9
10



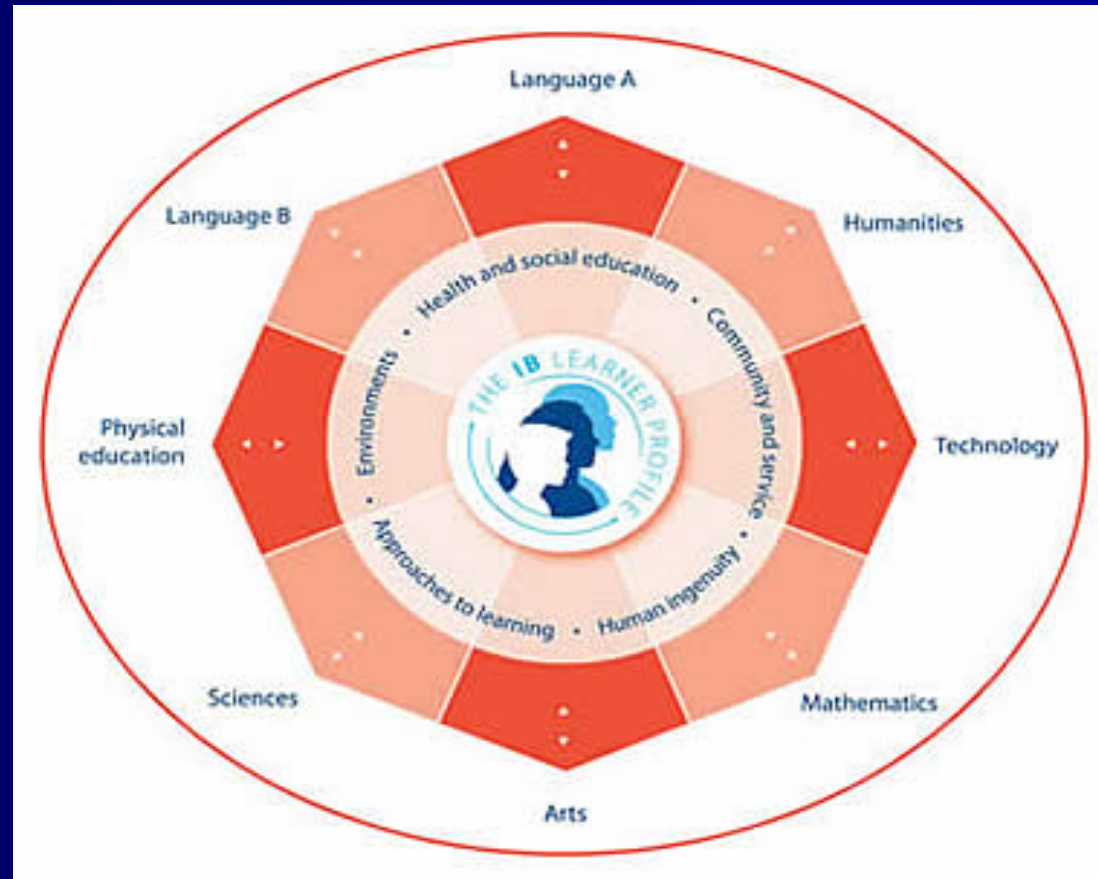
Community  
Service



Personal  
Project



# MYP Curriculum Framework





# IB MYP Subjects

- Arts
- Language A
- Language B
- Humanities
- Mathematics
- Sciences
- Physical Education
- Technology

Each through all 4 years

Successfully master the aims and objectives as measured by the 10<sup>th</sup> grade IB MYP assessments



# IB MYP Assessment

- IB MYP Subject assessment tasks (every year)
- Year 5 (10<sup>th</sup> grade) IB MYP assessment tasks
  - Task differ by subject
  - Tasks demonstrate mastery of IB MYP Aims and Objectives over 4 years of program



# Community Service at Hughes/SL





# Personal Projects

- Students select the subject of the project
- 6-8 month process of student creation
- Students work with teacher supervisor
- Uses focus on a particular Area of Interaction
- Personal Projects are submitted in early Spring of sophomore year.



# Personal Project Examples from Our Students

- Composing and playing a piece for guitar
- Mapping pollution
- Creating a comic book
- Fundraising activity for the blind
- Iranian cuisine and Jamaican cuisine
- Brochure on volunteer work
- Composing a work for a trio (2 violins and a cello)
- Creating computer/board/video games
- Essay on the history of opera
- Making a Ghanaian dress
- Alternate design for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge
- Poetry and painting book
- Developing a website
- Designing a home
- Computer programming demonstration



# Personal Project Examples from Our Students (2008)

Jordan Albert – “The Israeli Conflict through the Eyes of its People and Role of the Media Here and There” - research

Lauren Angel – “Exploring Pointe” – photo essay

James Armstrong – “Biographic Cook Book of Julie Panoussi” - essay

Mathew Barkan – “A Flood Resistant House” - design

Stefanie Brown — “Elementary School Girls Choir” - performance

Kathleen Busch — “Critical Citations” – short story

Alexandra Byrd — “Too Old” - film

Lauren Cavalieri — “What it Takes to Sew and Create Clothes, with and without Patterns” - design

Mohamed ElSheikh — “After-School Program” – community service project

Jacob Fischer — “Meaghan’s Muse over the Years” - poetry

Gina Fu – “Seahawk Garden” - design

Patrick Garziglia — “Connecting Actions and Emotion to Music” – musical composition

Sofia Guernica — “Capture the Moment” – photo essay

Jordan Hataway — “Urban Planning – Saving the World One Bench at a Time” - design

Andrew Heffernan- “Space Painting” – artwork



# Qualifying for the FCPS IB MYP Certificate



Be academically successful in the 8 IB MYP subjects



Community service

Perform community service throughout the 4 years of the program



Personal Project

Complete a satisfactory Personal Project



Assessments

Score 36 points out of a possible 63 points on the subject assessments

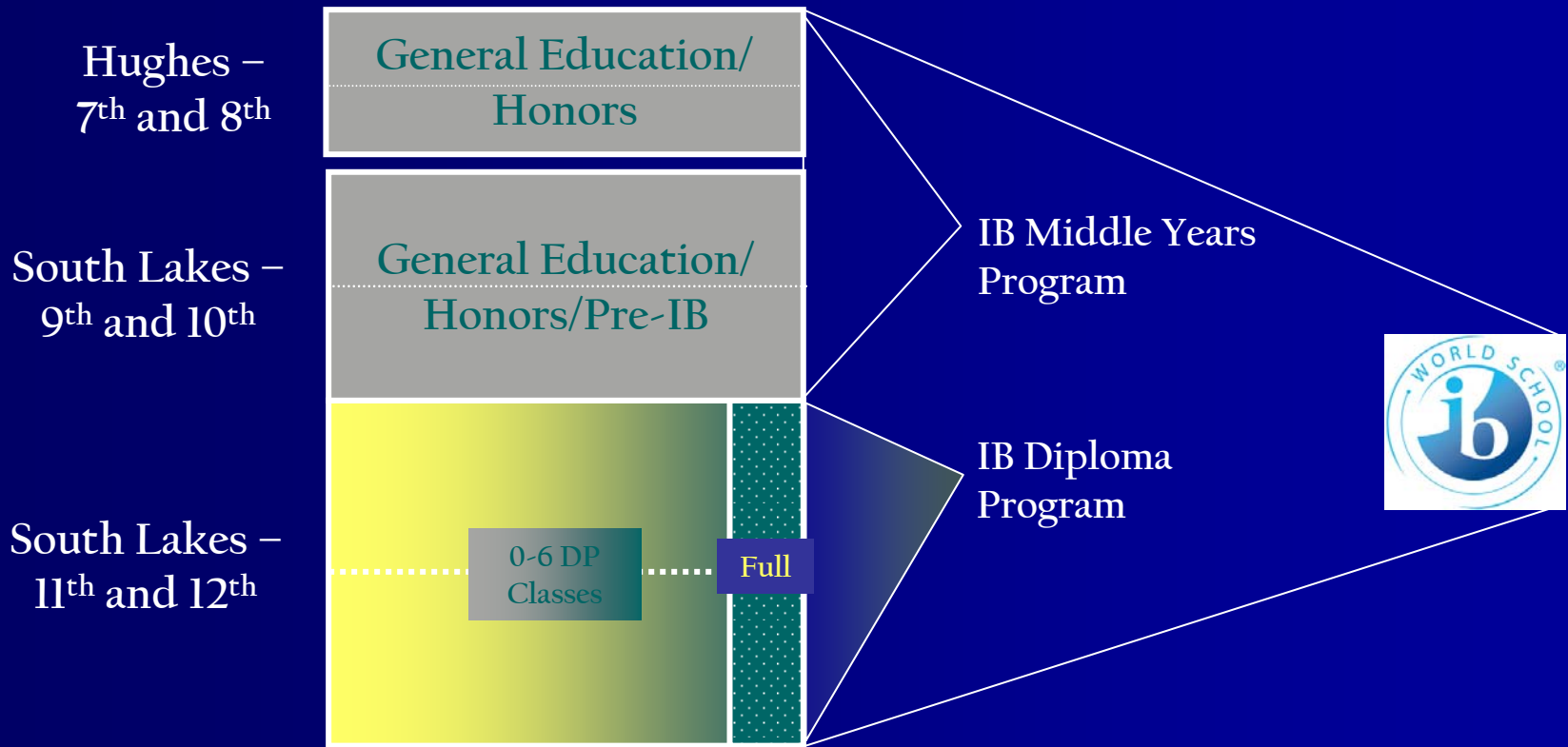


# FCPS IB MYP Certificates

- Eligible students commit in the winter/spring of the 9th grade
- Commitment ensures that students will be registered for assessments and have mentors for Personal Projects
- Notice of awarding of IB MYP Certificate is in the early fall of their 11<sup>th</sup> grade



# Review of the IB Programs in Reston





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